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In re Application of :  
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: Group Art Unit: 1614  
Application No. 10/579,813 : Attorney Docket No.: 1282-P03335US01  
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AND METHODS FOR TREATMENT AND :  
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**TRAVERSAL AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF  
REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorneys, hereby traverse and request reconsideration of the requirements for restriction and election of species set forth in the Official Action dated November 29, 2007 in the above-identified patent application.

At the outset, it is noted that an initial shortened statutory response period of one (1) month was set in the November 29, 2007 Official Action. Accordingly, the initial response period is due to expire December 29, 2007. This Traversal and Request for Reconsideration of Requirements for Restriction and Election of Species is being filed before the expiration of the initial response period.

The restriction requirement in this case is plainly improper for failure to comply with the